

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0008] on page 3 with the following paragraph:

[0008] Thus, the present invention provides a section of flexible material between two rigid sections which connect to piping sections, thereby allowing a degree of relative movement of the piping sections thereby connected. While it is recognized that the connector will generally not be able to flex through as much as 90[[□]] degrees without buckling, in the context of bathtub waste connections and similar plumbing works, it is typically only necessary to provide a curvature of a maximum of 15[[□]] degrees; connectors according to preferred embodiments of the present invention are capable of providing such curvature without buckling. In one embodiment, the connectors may be adapted to prevent curvature above a selected angle; for example, a connector may only permit curvature between 0 and 15[[□]] degrees. Conveniently this may be achieved by, for example, location of the rigid members such that the rigid members will interfere with one another above the selected angle, such that curvature beyond this is difficult or not possible.

Please replace paragraph [0030] on page 9 with the following paragraph:

[0030] The connector 10 may then be used to connect to piping sections of a suitable diameter. Additional adapter components may of course be used if necessary. The flexible member 12 may be bent through up to 15[[□]] degrees without buckling, by virtue of the groove 14 formed therein, while the rigid members 20, 22 restrict the bending radius of the connector 10 to reduce possible buckling.